(d) Yes, Sir.

Ajmer, Bikaner and Jodhpur workshops would continue to undertake Metre Gauge workload as per arisings and Railway's requirement.

(e) As stated in part (c) above.

[English]

EMU Service from CLW Siding Asansol/ Barddhaman

3145. SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways have agreed to run EMU service from CLW siding to Asansol/Barddhaman and Barddhaman and Barakar to Barddhaman;

(b) if so, the time by which this service is likely to be introduced; and

(c) the reasons for the delay in introducing this service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Main line EMU services are already running on Barddhaman-Barakar section. There is no proposal to provide EMU/ MEMU between CLW siding and Asansol/Barddhaman.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Modernisation of Barrackpore Railway Station

3146. SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to modernise Barrackpore Railway Station; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir. Barrackpore railway station has already been provided with the amenities commensurate with the volume of traffic handled.

(b) Does not arise.

Banned Pesticides

3147. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a heavy quantity of highly toxic, banned pesticides were sold in the country by top U.S. companies between 1992-94 by concealing names of the chemicals and firms; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) No such report has come to the notice of Government. Moreover sale of banned pesticides is prohibited in the country under the provisions of Insecticides Act, 1968. Concerned authorities under Government of India and the State Governments are asked to enquire about it.

(b) In view of answer to part (a) above, question does not arise.

Introduction of Super-Fast Trains/Rajdhani Express from Delhi to Trivandrum

3148. SHRI MULLAPPALY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to start a Rajdhani Express/Superfast train from Delhi to Trivandrum via Bombay-Mangalore; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the time by which such a train is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). It is proposed to run Nizamuddin-Trivandrum Rajdhani Express *via* Goa-Mangalore after commissioning of Konkan Railway.

States leading in Foodgrains Production

3149. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of first seven States in India in order producing maximum quantity of Paddy, Wheat, Cotton, Sugarcane, Mustard, oilseeds in terms of total area of land they cultivate both irrigated and non-irrigated;

(b) the names of first seven States which consume the maximum fertilizer subsidy in the country; and

(c) the names of the States where going by the quantum of fertilizers subsidy, average agricultural production is not satisfactory?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYNG) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) A statement showing the name of the first seven States with highest average production per hectare (1992-93 to 1995-96) for Rice, Wheat, Cotton, Sugarcane, Mustard and Oilseeds is annexed.

(b) The first seven States on the basis of consumption of total fertilisers during 1995-96 are as follows:

(i) Uttar Pradesh

(ii) Andhra Pradesh

(iii) Maharashtra